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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Applicants' representatives hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the references (AA-AQ) listed on the attached revised form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant". Copies of references AA-AQ are being submitted herewith.

While not to be construed that the Examiner should not review and consider all of the listed references, the Examiner's attention is particularly directed to the following references made of record in this Information Disclosure Statement: Brown et al. (AC); Campbell et al. (AE); Fancy & Kodadek et al. (AF); Fancy & Kodadek et al. (AG); Govardhan (AI); Helms et al. (AJ); and Kanwar & Balasubramanian (AL).

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art". As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith several pages of a "revised form PTO-1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited".

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of this application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), it is estimated that no fee is due since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, please charge any required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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